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PROGRESS REPORT NO. 3

Development of the ET-2 (Phase II) - Task 7, Pinto Project 3027

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PERIOD:

1 February 1955 to 1 May 1955

OBJECTIVE

The aim of this task is the production of three improved models, design information, and complete manufacturing drawings and specifications for a miniaturized electromechanical transmitter known as the ET-2.

PROGRESS

Progress during the last report period fell somewhat behind schedule. The main delay was caused by the amount of time required to design and fabricate a special printed circuit commutator. In general, the design of the ET-2 has been completed and the layout of the final unit is being made.

Tape Stepping Mechanism - During this period, a test model of the tape handling mechanism was made, and it proved to be very satisfactory. The new magnetic clutch performs very well. The final model of the tape stepping mechanism will differ slightly from this test model in that it will incorporate a number of different component parts, such as gears and dogs, made of nylon. Use of nylon components will enhance the quietness of the equipment.

Writing Head - The previous writing problems have been overcome by using a standard writing head with a special printed circuit commutator. Tests have proved this system very satisfactory. No further design problems are foreseen on this part of the equipment.

Electronic Circuitry - In general, the electronic design of the ET-2 is complete and working satisfactorily. A slight modification will be necessary to incorporate the frequency-shift keying unit (FS-1). It is felt however, that this modification will not cause any added design problems.

PLANS

It is planned to complete the drafting and fabrication of this unit and start the final testing during the next period.

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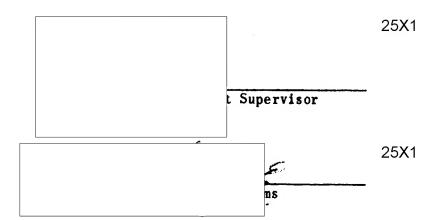
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PERSONNEL

The following engineering personnel were assigned to this project

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